

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application is the U.S. National phase filing of PCT/EP03/00668, filed January 23, 2003, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, and which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

Replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] The present invention relates to a UHT-treated product comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate wherein starch n-alkenyl succinate is applied as a ~~texturising~~ texturizing agent and ~~said the~~ UHT-treated product has, after UHT-treatment, a viscosity which is between 0.10 to 0.50 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of ~~said the~~ UHT-treated product, preferably between 0.15 to 0.40 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating.

Replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] The present invention further relates to a UHT-treated product comprising stabilised starch alkenyl succinate as a ~~texturising~~ texturizing agent and ~~said the~~ UHT-treated product has, after UHT-treatment, a viscosity which is between 0.15 to 0.35 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of ~~said the~~ UHT-treated product.

Replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The present invention further relates to a process for preparing UHT-treated product comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate and said process is comprising: ~~the following steps:~~

- a) ~~Preparing~~ preparing the mix of the ingredients comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate,

- b) ~~Preheating said~~ preheating the mix to a temperature higher than 50°C, preferably to a temperature up to 75°C,
- c) ~~Homogenising said~~ homogenizing the preheated mix at a pressure of more than 20 bar,
- d) ~~Treating~~ treating the mix by UHT at a temperature higher than 120°C, and
- e) ~~Cooling~~ cooling the UHT-treated product.

Replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The present invention further relates to the use of starch n-alkenyl succinate in UHT-treated products and viscosity of ~~said the~~ the UHT-treated product is between 0.10 to 0.50 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of ~~said the~~ the UHT-treated product.

Replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Furthermore, the present invention describes the use of starch n-alkenyl succinate as texturising agent in UHT-treated product wherein egg yolk content of ~~said the~~ the product is reduced with at least 50% by adding starch n-alkenyl succinate, preferably stabilised starch alkenyl succinate.

Replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] The present invention relates to a UHT-treated product comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate wherein starch n-alkenyl succinate is applied as texturising agent and ~~said the~~ the UHT-treated product has after UHT-treatment a viscosity which is between 0.10 to 0.50 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of ~~said the~~ the UHT-treated product, preferably between 0.15 to 0.40 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating.

Replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] For obtaining the ~~stabilised~~ stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate, the starch n-alkenyl succinate can be treated with active chlorine and can be prepared according to the process described in EP 0811633 (U.S. Patent No. 6,235,894 B1). The term "stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate" means a starch n-alkenyl succinate treated with active chlorine.

Replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] In particular, the current invention relates to a UHT-treated product which ~~is comprising~~ comprises a ~~stabilised~~ stabilized starch n-alkenyl succinate as texturising agent and ~~said the~~ UHT-treated product has, after UHT-treatment, a viscosity which is between 0.15 to 0.35 times the viscosity obtainable after re-heating of said UHT-treated product.

Replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The present invention further relates to a process for preparing a UHT-treated product comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate in which the ~~and said~~ process comprises ~~is comprising the following steps:~~

- a) ~~Preparing~~ preparing the mix of the ingredients comprising starch n-alkenyl succinate,
- b) ~~Preheating said~~ preheating the mix to a temperature higher than 50°C, preferably to a temperature up to 75°C,
- c) ~~Homogenising said~~ homogenizing the preheated mix at a pressure higher than 20 bar,
- d) ~~Treating~~ treating the mix by UHT at a temperature higher than 120°C, and
- e) ~~Cooling~~ cooling the UHT-treated product.

Replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] The UHT-treated product of the current invention has the following advantages:

- ~~Low~~ a low viscosity during UHT-heating, i.e. the product remains very liquid and there is no thickening during UHT treatment;
- ~~Starch~~ starch granules ~~is not being undamaged~~ during this heat treatment and shear treatment at high temperature;
- ~~Thickening~~ thickening, i.e development of viscosity is obtained in a second heating step;
- ~~Full~~ full viscosity remains stable during cooling and storage and there is no post-thickening effect[[]] ; and
- ~~Lower~~ a lower cholesterol content.